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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents who attended our reading and phonics meeting on Wednesday evening. Teachers are converting the PowerPoint to a handout for circulation to all parents – apologies but we haven't quite finished it yet!

Next week is anti-bullying week when we introduce work that will continue throughout the school year. The children will be learning about what bullying is and how to keep safe. They will produce a special newsletter as a prompt for discussion with you at home. It is an essential part of our Personal, Social and Emotional curriculum.

Admissions

Reception 2018

Families with a child born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 can now apply for a Reception place for September 2018. The Herts Online system <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/admissions/> opened on Monday 6 November and closes on Monday 15 January. In addition to the Herts submission, applicants must complete our school form and provide current proof of address and evidence of baptism (if applicable). Full details can be found on our website www.ssasinfants.herts.sch.uk or from the school office. Parents are welcome to visit the school and a list of dates and times for Reception tours can be viewed on our website – please telephone us on 01727 854643 to book your appointment.

Year 3 2018

Parents of Year 2 pupils need to apply for a place between 6th November and 15th January 2018. Application forms will be sent home in the Year 2 book bags today. Please note that these must be returned directly to the Junior School. We have a few copies of the Junior School Admissions Policy for 2018 in the office or you can view it on the Junior website. Please contact the Junior School on 01727 866668 if you have any questions or would like to book onto a parent tour on either Tuesday 28th November at 9:30 and Thursday 7th December at 1:30.

Certificate of Catholic Practice

A signed Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) is also required for both applications, if applicable. These are available through the church where you usually worship. Priests will be signing forms at Ss Alban & Stephen Catholic Church parish centre on Monday 27 November and 8 January from 4.00-6.30 pm. Please take your child with you. These are the only dates for signing CCPs. Please do not approach the presbytery at other times as priests are often unavailable and the office is unable to accept forms in their absence.

Returns

Please remember, Operation Christmas Child boxes should be returned on Thursday 16 November when school opens. They are being collected later the same morning so we will not be able to accept boxes after this time. Any photograph orders should be returned to school by 14 November.



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Children in Need 2017

Do please join the staff on the first Children in Need school ramble this Sunday at Gorhambury. We're meeting at the Gorhambury gates at 1pm with many people parking at St Michael's, close to Verulamium museum. Next Friday is a NON-UNIFORM day for all classes with a spots and stripes theme so please bring a donation to your class teacher. We have an 'entertaining' assembly so do join us if you can for a day that the children do enjoy.

Lost property

We have a box of items in the main reception containing coats, hairbands and uniform items so please do check if you've misplaced something or need to hand anything in. A silver ring with a feather quill and dark blue stone was lost this morning; if you know anything about this, please contact the school office.

PTA News

Popcorn Night on Friday 8th December featuring 'Arthur Christmas' after school. Cost £3 for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 only.

Parents are welcome at the next PTA meeting which will take place at 7pm on Monday 27th November in the Junior School. We will be planning future events and hoping to appoint a new Chair – please do consider this important role. Sadly, we are unable to run our very popular wreath making session this year. The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Megias and Mrs Butterworth who have run this event for so many years.

Have a peaceful weekend.

Kind regards



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